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Applicant : Phyllis SHAPIRO

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For : **Automated Method for Correcting Blood Analysis Parameter Results Affected by Interference from Exogenous Blood Substitutes in Whole Blood, Plasma and Serum**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED  
JANUARY 15, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants have concurrently submitted a Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) to extend the time for response up to and including May 15, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of this Amendment and accompanying papers at the time of examination of the application.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Reasoning** section begins on page 15 of this paper.